

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Gull Lake Sewer Authority meeting was preceded by a luncheon meeting of The 4-Township Water Commission at 11:30 a.m. which was enjoyed by all present.

Authority Meeting 1 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Commissioners present were Dean Blanchard, Jeff Bither, Roger Turner & Michael Herzog. None were absent. Others present were Rich Pierson, Tom Wheat and Nancy Smith.

REVIEW AND SET AGENDA: There being no additions to the agenda Bither made a motion to accept the agenda the presented. Motion was seconded by Turner. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

OPEN NEW TRUCK BIDS: Chairman Blanchard opened the sealed bids for the new truck and they were as follows:

Galesburg Ford	- 2005	\$31,225.00
	- 2006	\$32,775.00
DeNooyer Chevrolet	- 2005	\$25,630.00
DeMaagd GMC	- 2005	\$21,191.00
	- 2006	\$20,709.00
Century GMC	- 2006	\$18,593.00

Turner made a motion to order the truck from low bidder, Century GMC at the price of \$18,593.00 subject to meeting specs. Payment to be made from R & R account. Motion was seconded by Bither. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19TH, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Bither made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Turner. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

HEAR THOSE PRESENT: There were none to be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DeNooyer

Boat dock usage

Thank you for verbal permission to use her dock for monthly station checks. Blanchard suggested that we might want to thank her with candy or flowers at the end of the season. Smith will take care of this.

Roger, USA Homes

Catherwood connection

Property is over 500 ft. of frontage. We will charge him for 200 ft. at \$13.00 per foot as long as he builds within that 200 ft. If he splits off balance of land, the balance of footage will be due plus benefit when built upon. Putting new modular home this property.

Gull Lake Schools

New High School

Information letter on approximate cost of sewer & water for new building. School is working with the Township on repaving 600 ft. of asphalt south of the school entrance drive. Discussion followed on whether GLSWA should install sewer under that section of road before new paving is done. Wheat gave a preliminary cost estimate of approx. \$70,000.00. The sewer there is 18ft to 20ft deep. No decision was made. Blanchard noted that there is a public meeting coming up for 34th Street residents at 7 p.m. with the school representatives. Blanchard will let Pierson know.

Walczak

Dock Issue and follow-up

A letter of Thank You for working with us on prop wash issue. We issued a check on Mr. Walczak's behalf for \$1200.00 and a motion was made to support the \$1,200 paid and to request a copy of paid invoice for our files by Bither. Turner seconded the motion. **Motion carried, all ayes.** Glad that is behind us.

Lennon

Island Restoration

A letter was sent to him defining the restoration of his property upon receipt of invoices he felt we were responsible for. After reviewing bills, ext., the Authority offered him \$206.30. After walking the property and realizing that Dunigan had not done the repairs (his contractor had) we settled on \$300.00.

Kreager

An informational letter was sent to Mr. Kreager regarding charges that he might expect on his new 32nd Street construction prior to connection to water & sewer.

PROJECT UPDATE:

Hillcrest Water/Sewer:

Pierson and Wheat have looked at the sewer pump station in Augusta and determined that if we pump from Hillcrest we can provide them service for the cost they are willing to pay. If they insist it be gravity, it would require a major upgrade of station within the village.

Water is still to be looked at for cost of putting down their own public wells vs. extending water service from village.

Engelwood #4:

In working on the pump station installation for Engelwood #4, Woolf Excavating ran into a old corduroy road that required extra excavation. We indicated that they should move ahead and we would cover the cost expecting a much larger bill. The bill received was \$2,045.91. Turner made the motion to pay Inv.# 2821 in the amount of \$2,045.91. Motion was seconded by Herzog. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

Sherman Lake: (Later in minutes)

31st Street Water:

A informational meeting was held on June 13, 2005. Pfizer will be funding the installation along 31st St. and offering free connection to all residents along that road within 200 ft. Project is moving forward. Actual installation scheduled for Sept.-Oct. 2005.

Gull Island:

Nothing new-

High School: Handled above.

Richland Bible Church: Will be owing additional connection fee for the new section of their building. Pierson to review. The easement finally has been revised for the pipe under new building and will be forwarded to them soon.

Bay Arbor: Project is moving ahead, sewer now in place. Just Gildeas' own home under construction at the moment. There will be 8 buildings containing 2 vertical Townhouses plus 3 additional single family homes.

Hamilton Farms:

Now set for 200 homes and Blanchard noted that Steve Servin will be bringing in \$60,000 down payment to bring water across EF Ave.

Rambling Trails # 1:

Sewer is now in Phase I and water will be starting today.

Vineyard Academy:

Wheat is moving ahead with design for pump station.

Claystone Condominiums:

Nothing new.

DeDoes Gravity Sewer:

Nothing new. Still awaiting easement from Boyle, then Pierson and Wheat will present budget for pipeline. We will need easement from Mulholland also.

NEW BUSINESS:

Connection Fee Issues

Indirect & Direct fees: Pierson passed around a new Sherman Lake project handout explaining the definitions of indirect & direct fees and how they would affect the Sherman Lake Sewer (as well as all our other sewer lines anywhere within our system). Pierson, Sparks, Rolfe, Porter & Wheat have worked on this for sometime. The definitions get clearer each day. Pierson to followup with bond council and Bendzinski, then Bither for his approval, prior to meeting with Scott and Y-Camp.

New Truck Bids:

This was handled above.

OLD BUSINESS:

Augusta Manhole repair is scheduled for 1st of July.

Wages & Salary Compensation---on-going work item.

FINANCIAL REVIEW/PAY BILLS:

Bither made a motion to file the Financial Reports as presented, Approve the bills paid and to pay the Prein & Newhof bills in the amount of \$4163.10. Motion was supported by Herzog. **Motion carried, all ayes.**

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Bither noted that Severe Weather Sirens are to be installed at the Island Landing and on the corner of Scotts new property off 37th St. Michigan State donated one of the sirens and the other is being funded by a number of organizations. Just waiting delivery.

Summer taxes will be mailed next week. There will be a disaster demo at the Air Port soon that might interest all. Bither to let all know date of demo.

Herzog stated that he is still working very hard to learn the job. He is getting lots of on the job training.

Turner noted that Dick Barnum is hoping to come to our July meeting. He is doing much better than he was but is walking with a walker.

Turner told of the engineering costs and research going into the building of a water tower in Delton. He also stated that the South West Barry Sewage Plant is now accepting septage from haulers for a fee. Several haulers have been fined for dumping on the ground.

Blanchard said that a new rescue truck is to be delivered in August to Richland Township. Pfizer brought in a check for \$20,000 for equipment to furnish new truck. Blanchard also told us of the Ribbon cutting at Pfizer's new building # 651.

Turner & Herzog commented that ambulance service in their area is still a big problem.

ADJOURN MEETING TO JULY 28, 2005 (4TH THURSDAY)

Chairman Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Submitted for Approval

Roger Turner-Acting Sec/Treas.